

CHARLES F. WILLIAMS, who was born in Oregon City, on September 20, 1861, was brought when eighteen months of age east of the Cascades and in this part of the state he has remained since. His parents, William H. and Amanda A. (Abbott) Williams, are mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Charles was educated in the district schools of Wasco county and between terms was occupied with his father in freighting. When fifteen he took charge of a freight outfit from The Dalles to Canyon City and all other interior points of Oregon. In those days the freighter took his life in his hands whenever he turned the teams on an outward trip as the Indians were constantly on the watch, not only when on the war path, but at all times were seeking to war lay and murder and secure plunder. So, were we to detail all the thrilling incidents of our subject's life, we would have a volume in itself. During the Snake Indian outbreak, he was forced to lay one entire summer in Canyon City to avoid the savages. His brother was out scouting at this time and was in a battle on Murder creek, which is the headwater of the John Day river. One white man was killed and several reds bit the dust. The white man killed was Mr. Aldridge. When twenty-one, Mr. Williams determined to cease from this arduous work and accordingly engaged with The Dalles Lumber Company, where he remained for four years. Then he did draying until 1899, when he bought a quarter section about nine miles south from The Dalles, where he now resides. Since that time he has been improving his place and has a good property. He raises considerable poultry and does general farming.

On June 29, 1888, at the residence of the bride's parents in Fairview, Mr. Williams married Miss Katherine Teague, a native of Alabama. Her parents, Elias and Elizabeth (Burton) Teague, were also natives of Alabama. The latter's parents were born in the same state and came from Scotch extraction, being among the early colonists. He served in the confederate army under Lee, and now dwells at Goldendale, Washington. The mother of our subject was descended from colonial stock and her parents were born in Virginia. Mr. Williams' brothers and sisters are mentioned in another portion of this work. His wife has three brothers, Henry, Thomas, Robert, and two sisters, Mrs. Wilma Nelson, and Mamie. Three children have been born to our subject and his wife, Lloyd, aged ten, Harold, aged four, and Carl, ten, months old. Mr. Williams is a member of the W. W., while he and his wife belong to the circle. He is a Democrat and is interested in the questions of the day.